



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Waltham Abbey Scouts

Dear Parents/Scouts,

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a nice break.

**Fire and Ice Camp** - 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Unfortunately, this year's Fire and Ice camp has been cancelled due the lack of interest.

**Brass Monkey Training Weekend** - 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> January 2012

I have arranged a Brass Monkey Training weekend at the end of this month in preparation for the District competition in February. The overnight camp will involve possibly five bases which are: Fire lighting, Backwoods cooking, Camp Gadgets, First Aid and Bivouacs. Scouts will be sleeping overnight in the Bivouacs that they have made. Please ensure all scouts bring a warm sleeping bag, a blanket and warm clothes to this event - survival bags may be an advantage. Registration is at 9.45am on the Saturday and I expect the event to end late Sunday morning. After the campsite is completely clear of rubbish and all equipment has been put away, we hope there will be time to explain menu and programme planning.

Scouts who wish to take part in Brass Monkey next month **MUST** attend this training weekend and stay overnight. Only scouts who have previously taken part in one of our training weekends will be exempt from attending. Although Brass Monkey is a lot of fun and a very popular event, it can also be dangerous to those without experience.

The cost of this weekend is £10 - free to those who helped with bag packing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

**Brass Monkey** - 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

This is a district run twenty four hour "back to basics" camp. Please read the attached details and return the permission and health form as soon as possible.

This camp will cost £20 - £10 to those who helped with bag packing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

**Subscriptions** - this term is £27.50 (£2.50 at 11 weeks).

Please ensure that cheques for subs are payable to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Waltham Abbey Scout Group.

You will be notified of any short-term changes by text message; please ensure that we have your current mobile number.

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